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**NEW UNITED STATES UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**  
**under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

Atty. Docket No. 05032-00010

**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION  
OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION**

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10: The undersigned hereby certifies that this United States Patent Application and all papers noted herein as being attached, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 today, **May 2, 2001**, and is addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

By Laurie Hall

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This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior international application number PCT/NL99/00670, filed on 29 October 1999, entitled **MANIPULATOR** which designated the United States, and which claims priority from European patent application number NL 1010446, filed 2 November 1998.

Enclosed herewith are the following papers for filing with the application:

Inventor (or application identifier): **Henricus Johannes Adrianus Stuyt**

Title of Invention: **MANIPULATOR**

1.  Specification 31 pages (including specification, claims, abstract) / 17 claims (1 independent), after entry of the Preliminary Amendment.
2.  Declaration/Power of Attorney:
  - Copy from Prior Application (for continuation or divisional application)
  - Newly Executed Declaration (for CIP application)
  - Deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f)  
 Deletion of Inventor(s) - Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
- Incorporation by Reference - The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein
3.  11 Distinct sheets of  Formal  Informal Drawings

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4.  Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.  
 Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This application is a continuation of prior application No. PCT/NL99/00670, filed October 29, 1999; which claims priority from Dutch Patent Application No. NL 1010446, filed November 2, 1998.--
5.  Information Disclosure Statement  
 Form 1449  
 A copy of each cited prior art reference
6.  Assignment  
 Assignment with Cover Sheet attached  
 Assignment filed in prior application. Application assigned to:
7.  Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following application(s) (provisional and foreign applications):

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)
NL	1010446	02 NOV 1998

8.  Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 based upon the following application(s):

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)
PCT	PCT/NL99/00670	29 OCT 1999

9.  Priority document(s)
10.  Small Entity Statement  
 Small Entity Statement was filed in prior application, Small Entity Status is still proper and desired  
 Small Entity status is being claimed hereby.  
 is no longer claimed
11.  Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
12.  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
 Computer Readable Copy  
 Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)  
 Statement verifying identity of above copies

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13. Calculation of Fees:

FEES FOR	EXCESS CLAIMS	Fee	AMOUNT DUE
Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))			\$710.00
Total Claims in Excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	0	18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims in Excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	0	80.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))	0	270.00	\$0.00
Subtotal - Filing Fee Due			\$710.00
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Reduction by 50%, if Small Entity (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)	0.50		\$355.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE DUE</b>			\$355.00
Assignment Recordation Fee (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h))		40.00	\$0.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL DUE</b>			<b>\$355.00</b>

14. PAYMENT is:

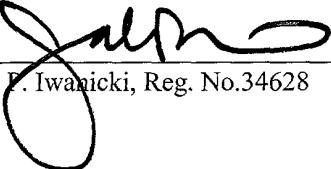
- The Commissioner is authorized to debit the instant filing fee, in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, and any other fees during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.
- not included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f)

14. All correspondence for the attached application should be directed to:

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15. Other: Abstract of the Disclosure

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